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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 13, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-21 and 36-40, drawn to a method for non-covalently attaching a macromolecular indicator to a support by "interlacing"). Applicants elect the following species from within each genus of the elected invention:

From claim 9 (**solvent**): hydroxyethyl methacrylate.

From claim 12 (**hydrophilic monomer**): 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate.

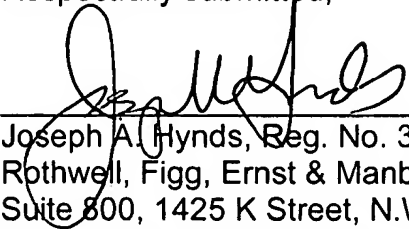
From claim 19 (**crosslinker**): ethylene glycol dimethylacrylate.

From claim 34 (**analyte**): glucose.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims 22-35 in a divisional application. Also, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require the limitation of an allowable generic claim.

Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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